

## SECTION III

# Crime Index Offenses Cleared

Law enforcement agencies clear or solve offenses when at least one person is arrested, charged with the commission of an offense, and turned over to the court for prosecution. Recorded clearances in 1998 possibly include offenses which occurred in prior years. The arrest of many persons may clear only one offense, or the arrest of one individual may clear multiple crimes. Clearing a crime by exceptional means is done by law enforcement when elements beyond law enforcement's control preclude the placing of formal charges against the offender. Circumstances allowing such clearances entail the death of the offender (suicide, justifiably killed by police or private citizen, etc.); the victim's refusal to cooperate with prosecution after the offender has been identified; or the denial of extradition because the offender committed another crime in a different jurisdiction and is being prosecuted. In order to exceptionally clear cases, law enforcement must have identified the offender, possess enough evidence to support arrest, and identify the offender's location.

A 21-percent Crime Index clearance rate (excluding arson) was recorded by law enforcement agencies nationwide in 1998. The Modified Crime Index total which includes arson (cleared at a rate of 16 percent) also indicated a clearance rate of 21 percent.

Collectively, 49 percent of violent crimes were cleared. Murder accounted for 69 percent of the clearance rates, while forcible rape comprised 50 percent; robbery, 28 percent; and aggravated assault, 59 percent. Excluding arson, the overall property crime clearance rate was 17 percent. Among the property crime offenses in 1998, 19 percent of larceny-thefts and 14 percent of both motor vehicle thefts and burglaries were cleared. Clearance rates are generally higher for violent crimes than for property crimes because crimes against persons (murder, forcible rape, and aggravated assault) are often given more intensive investigative efforts; thus, the victims and/or witnesses can frequently identify the perpetrators.

Regionally, the highest total Crime Index clearance rate was registered by law enforcement agencies in the Northeastern States with 24 percent. The clearance rate for the Southern region was 22 percent; the Western States, 20 percent; and the Midwestern States, 19 percent. For violent crime, the highest clearance rate, 51 percent, was recorded

in the Northeast. In the South, the rate was 50 percent, while the West and Midwest registered rates of 49 and 44 percent, respectively. Property crime clearance rates were 19 percent in the Northeast, 18 percent in the South, and 16 percent in both the Midwest and the West.

Rural county law enforcement agencies recorded the highest clearance rate for community type by clearing 23 percent of their Crime Index offenses. Law enforcement agencies in suburban counties and cities collectively both cleared 21 percent of reported crimes. Cities with 10,000 to 24,999 inhabitants registered the highest total Crime Index and property crime clearance rates, 25 percent and 22 percent, respectively. Rural counties and cities with populations under 10,000 experienced the highest violent crime clearance rate at 60 percent. (See Table 25.)

### **Clearances Involving Only Persons Under 18 Years of Age**

Juvenile involvement in crime may be evaluated by the number of crimes in which they have been identified as the offenders. A clearance by arrest is recorded when an offender under 18 years of age is cited to appear in juvenile court or before other juvenile authorities, even though no physical arrest may have occurred. The juvenile clearance percentages shown in this publication should be considered a slight underestimation of juvenile involvement in crime because these figures include only those offenses in which no adults were involved. Juveniles, or persons under 18 years of age, account for 26 percent of the United States population according to 1998 Bureau of Census estimates.

Nineteen percent of the Crime Index offenses cleared by law enforcement involved only juveniles in 1998. Juveniles accounted for 12 percent of the violent crime and 21 percent of the property crime clearances. Murder showed the lowest percentage of juvenile involvement, 6 percent, while arson, at 45 percent, indicated the highest percentage.

By region, the Midwestern and Western States recorded the largest percentage of Crime Index offenses involving persons under the age of 18, each clearing 22 percent. In the Northeastern States, juveniles alone were the offenders in 18 percent of the clearances. Juveniles accounted for 16 percent of the clearances in the Southern States.

**Figure 3.1**

# Crimes Cleared by Arrest 1998

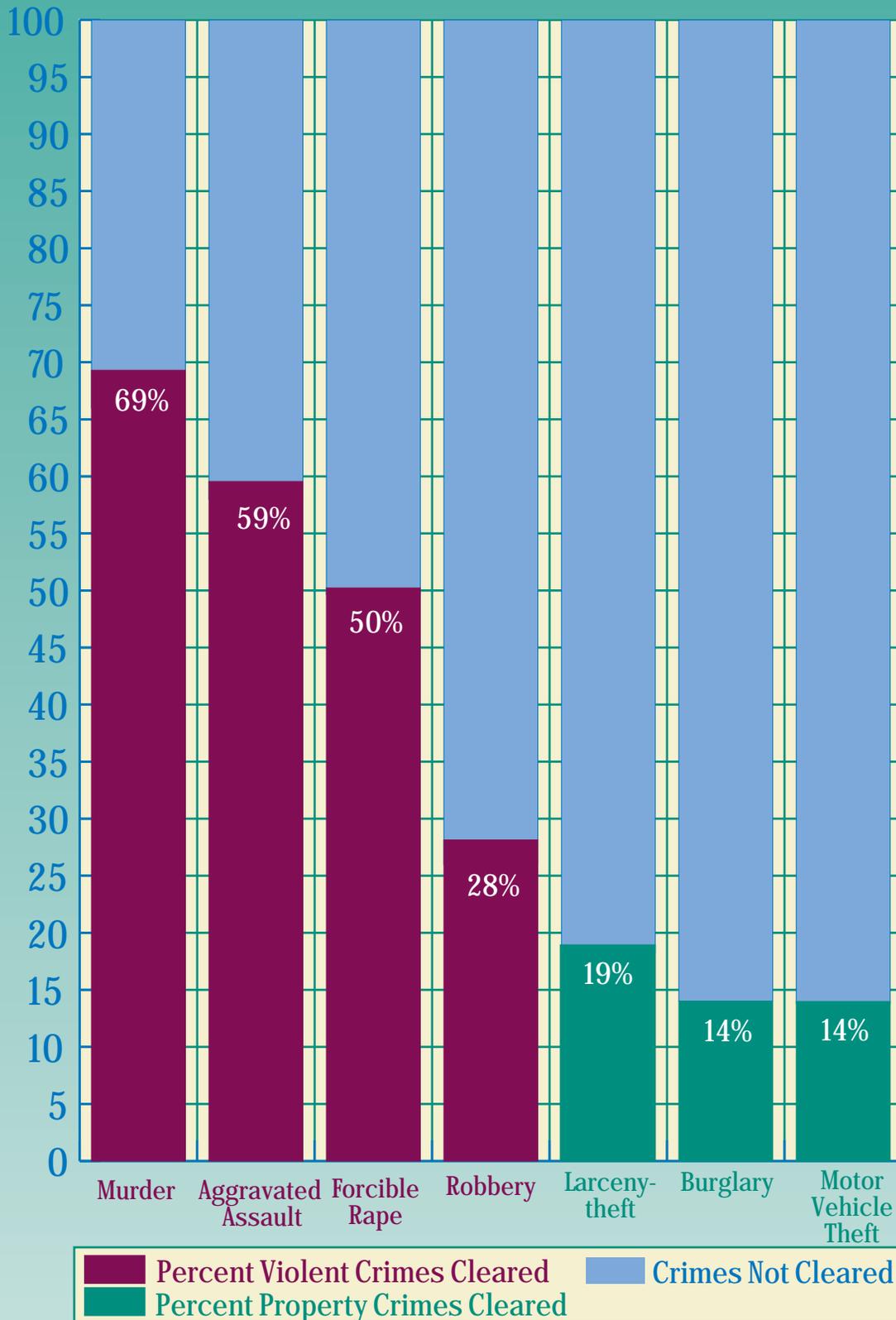


Table 25

**Percent Cleared by Arrest<sup>1</sup>**

by Population Group

Offenses Known to the Police, 1998

[1998 estimated population]

Population group	Crime Index total	Modified Crime Index total <sup>2</sup>	Violent crime <sup>3</sup>	Property crime <sup>4</sup>	Murder and non-negligent manslaughter	Forcible rape	Robbery	Aggravated assault	Burglary	Larceny-theft	Motor vehicle theft	Arson <sup>2</sup>
<b>TOTAL ALL AGENCIES:</b>												
<b>11,195 agencies;</b>												
<b>population 211,102,000</b>												
Offenses known	9,583,738	9,653,945	1,178,388	8,405,350	13,134	71,040	350,937	743,277	1,789,652	5,631,272	984,426	70,207
Percent cleared by arrest	21.3	21.3	49.1	17.4	68.7	49.9	28.4	58.5	13.6	19.2	14.2	16.3
<b>TOTAL CITIES: 7,987 cities;</b>												
<b>population 143,921,000</b>												
Offenses known	7,738,171	7,792,336	972,899	6,765,272	10,209	54,642	316,147	591,901	1,342,399	4,600,603	822,270	54,165
Percent cleared by arrest	21.3	21.2	47.7	17.5	67.6	50.0	28.0	57.6	13.1	19.5	13.3	16.1
GROUP I												
55 cities, 250,000 and over; population 41,578,000												
Offenses known	2,841,705	2,866,677	477,925	2,363,780	5,500	20,607	184,896	266,922	481,400	1,468,973	413,407	24,972
Percent cleared by arrest	19.2	19.2	44.2	14.2	65.5	54.6	26.4	55.3	11.7	16.0	10.4	12.2
8 cities, 1,000,000 and over; population 18,847,000												
Offenses known	1,077,908	1,087,515	216,347	861,561	2,219	7,022	87,883	119,223	167,575	529,904	164,082	9,607
Percent cleared by arrest	20.4	20.3	46.8	13.7	70.1	52.6	29.2	59.0	12.3	15.7	8.8	10.6
17 cities, 500,000 to 999,999; population 11,569,000												
Offenses known	870,484	877,510	130,551	739,933	1,751	7,082	49,685	72,033	155,231	459,120	125,582	7,026
Percent cleared by arrest	18.2	18.2	40.3	14.3	59.5	57.6	22.5	50.5	11.7	15.8	12.2	10.5
30 cities, 250,000 to 499,999; population 11,161,000												
Offenses known	893,313	901,652	131,027	762,286	1,530	6,503	47,328	75,666	158,594	479,949	123,743	8,339
Percent cleared by arrest	18.8	18.8	43.9	14.5	65.6	53.5	25.5	54.2	11.2	16.5	10.8	15.4
GROUP II												
136 cities, 100,000 to 249,999; population 19,649,000												
Offenses known	1,207,016	1,215,431	143,216	1,063,800	1,640	8,688	47,321	85,567	222,718	710,815	130,267	8,415
Percent cleared by arrest	20.9	20.9	48.8	17.2	68.7	49.3	28.6	59.6	12.9	19.2	13.2	16.2
GROUP III												
314 cities, 50,000 to 99,999; population 21,259,000												
Offenses known	1,063,952	1,070,575	118,050	945,902	1,114	8,100	35,304	73,532	190,784	651,514	103,604	6,623
Percent cleared by arrest	21.5	21.4	46.8	18.3	64.6	43.6	28.6	55.7	12.4	20.9	12.9	16.3
GROUP IV												
598 cities, 25,000 to 49,999; population 20,715,000												
Offenses known	920,328	925,561	87,745	832,583	714	6,363	22,054	58,614	161,940	596,425	74,218	5,233
Percent cleared by arrest	22.0	22.0	50.0	19.1	70.9	45.0	30.4	57.7	13.3	21.2	15.1	19.1

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 25

**Percent Cleared by Arrest<sup>1</sup> — Continued**  
 by Population Group  
 Offenses Known to the Police, 1998  
 [1998 estimated population]

Population group	Crime Index total	Modified Crime Index total <sup>2</sup>	Violent crime <sup>3</sup>	Property crime <sup>4</sup>	Murder and non-negligent manslaughter	Forcible rape	Robbery	Aggravated assault	Burglary	Larceny-theft	Motor vehicle theft	Arson <sup>2</sup>
<b>GROUP V</b>												
1,414 cities, 10,000 to 24,999; population 22,312,000												
Offenses known	907,055	911,552	77,540	829,515	713	6,020	16,628	54,179	153,929	616,365	59,221	4,497
Percent cleared by arrest	25.2	25.2	55.0	22.4	76.0	49.2	34.7	61.6	15.5	24.1	22.6	25.5
<b>GROUP VI</b>												
5,470 cities under 10,000; population 18,408,000												
Offenses known	798,115	802,540	68,423	729,692	528	4,864	9,944	53,087	131,628	556,511	41,553	4,425
Percent cleared by arrest	23.5	23.5	59.7	20.1	76.3	50.6	37.1	64.6	16.5	20.4	27.6	24.2
<b>SUBURBAN COUNTIES</b>												
1,077 agencies; population 43,998,000												
Offenses known	1,361,446	1,373,552	150,461	1,210,985	1,902	11,183	30,761	106,615	302,548	777,953	130,484	12,106
Percent cleared by arrest	20.9	20.8	54.6	16.7	69.3	49.8	31.1	61.7	14.2	17.8	15.7	15.3
<b>RURAL COUNTIES</b>												
2,131 agencies; population 23,183,000												
Offenses known	484,121	488,057	55,028	429,093	1,023	5,215	4,029	44,761	144,705	252,716	31,672	3,936
Percent cleared by arrest	23.4	23.4	60.2	18.7	78.2	50.0	39.3	62.8	16.7	18.6	29.1	23.0
<b>SUBURBAN AREA<sup>5</sup></b>												
5,480 agencies; population 85,450,000												
Offenses known	2,926,220	2,946,977	282,353	2,643,867	2,944	20,568	61,700	197,141	557,531	1,834,272	252,064	20,757
Percent cleared by arrest	21.9	21.8	54.5	18.4	71.0	49.1	31.7	62.0	14.4	19.8	16.8	17.8

<sup>1</sup> Includes offenses cleared by exceptional means.

<sup>2</sup> The Modified Crime Index total is the sum of the Crime Index offenses, including arson.

<sup>3</sup> Violent crimes are offenses of murder, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault.

<sup>4</sup> Property crimes are offenses of burglary, larceny-theft, and motor vehicle theft. Data are not included for the property crime of arson.

<sup>5</sup> Includes suburban city and county law enforcement agencies within metropolitan areas. Excludes central cities. Suburban cities and counties are also included in other groups.

Forcible rape figures furnished by the state-level Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program administered by the Delaware State Bureau of Investigation and the Illinois State Police were not in accordance with national UCR guidelines; therefore, the figures were excluded from the forcible rape, violent crime, Crime Index total, and Modified Crime Index total categories.

Complete data for 1998 were not available for the states of Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Montana, New Hampshire, and Wisconsin; therefore, it was necessary that their crime counts be estimated. See Offense Estimation, Appendix I, for details.

Population figures are rounded to the nearest thousand.

Table 26

**Percent Cleared by Arrest<sup>1</sup>**  
 by Geographic Region and Division  
 Offenses Known to the Police, 1998  
 [1998 estimated population]

Geographic region/division	Crime Index total	Modified Crime Index total <sup>2</sup>	Violent crime <sup>3</sup>	Property crime <sup>4</sup>	Murder and non-negligent manslaughter	Forcible rape	Robbery	Aggravated assault	Burglary	Larceny-theft	Motor vehicle theft	Arson <sup>2</sup>
<b>TOTAL ALL AGENCIES:</b>												
<b>11,195 agencies;</b>												
<b>population 211,102,000</b>												
<b>Offenses known</b>	<b>9,583,737</b>	<b>9,653,944</b>	<b>1,178,387</b>	<b>8,405,350</b>	<b>13,134</b>	<b>71,039</b>	<b>350,937</b>	<b>743,277</b>	<b>1,789,652</b>	<b>5,631,272</b>	<b>984,426</b>	<b>70,207</b>
<b>Percent cleared by arrest</b>	<b>21.3</b>	<b>21.3</b>	<b>49.1</b>	<b>17.4</b>	<b>68.7</b>	<b>49.9</b>	<b>28.4</b>	<b>58.5</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>19.2</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>16.3</b>
NEW ENGLAND												
701 agencies;												
population 11,495,000												
Offenses known	407,571	409,843	51,620	355,951	317	3,113	10,921	37,269	73,761	240,086	42,104	2,272
Percent cleared by arrest	22.0	21.9	51.2	17.7	62.8	46.7	28.0	58.3	14.0	19.7	12.9	16.0
MIDDLE ATLANTIC												
2,165 agencies;												
population 36,055,000												
Offenses known	1,258,681	1,268,142	195,397	1,063,284	1,798	8,335	81,921	103,343	210,148	713,776	139,360	9,461
Percent cleared by arrest	24.4	24.3	50.5	19.6	81.2	56.8	31.9	64.3	16.6	22.0	11.7	17.4
NORTHEAST												
<b>2,866 agencies;</b>												
<b>population 47,550,000</b>												
<b>Offenses known</b>	<b>1,666,252</b>	<b>1,677,985</b>	<b>247,017</b>	<b>1,419,235</b>	<b>2,115</b>	<b>11,448</b>	<b>92,842</b>	<b>140,612</b>	<b>283,909</b>	<b>953,862</b>	<b>181,464</b>	<b>11,733</b>
<b>Percent cleared by arrest</b>	<b>23.8</b>	<b>23.7</b>	<b>50.7</b>	<b>19.1</b>	<b>78.4</b>	<b>54.1</b>	<b>31.4</b>	<b>62.7</b>	<b>16.0</b>	<b>21.4</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>17.1</b>
EAST NORTH CENTRAL												
1,076 agencies;												
population 20,188,000												
Offenses known	980,983	990,069	112,974	868,009	1,453	9,652	33,947	67,922	181,126	578,575	108,308	9,086
Percent cleared by arrest	16.8	16.8	39.8	13.8	61.3	42.8	20.4	48.6	10.4	15.1	12.4	13.1
WEST NORTH CENTRAL												
1,102 agencies;												
population 13,494,000												
Offenses known	558,381	562,147	50,652	507,729	503	4,350	11,600	34,199	93,888	370,497	43,344	3,766
Percent cleared by arrest	22.7	22.6	53.6	19.6	72.6	52.8	28.0	62.2	13.1	21.1	20.5	19.6
MIDWEST												
<b>2,178 agencies;</b>												
<b>population 33,682,000</b>												
<b>Offenses known</b>	<b>1,539,364</b>	<b>1,552,216</b>	<b>163,626</b>	<b>1,375,738</b>	<b>1,956</b>	<b>14,002</b>	<b>45,547</b>	<b>102,121</b>	<b>275,014</b>	<b>949,072</b>	<b>151,652</b>	<b>12,852</b>
<b>Percent cleared by arrest</b>	<b>18.9</b>	<b>18.9</b>	<b>44.1</b>	<b>15.9</b>	<b>64.2</b>	<b>45.9</b>	<b>22.3</b>	<b>53.2</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>17.4</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>15.0</b>
SOUTH ATLANTIC												
2,118 agencies;												
population 33,005,000												
Offenses known	1,603,334	1,612,457	189,603	1,413,731	2,503	9,938	55,679	121,483	314,801	966,319	132,611	9,123
Percent cleared by arrest	22.0	22.0	49.9	18.3	70.1	55.5	29.0	58.6	15.2	19.2	18.9	19.7
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL												
610 agencies;												
population 10,234,000												
Offenses known	481,527	483,726	61,189	420,338	796	4,040	16,487	39,866	102,703	274,136	43,499	2,199
Percent cleared by arrest	22.8	22.8	49.0	19.0	68.0	49.9	30.2	56.3	14.3	21.0	18.0	24.1

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 by Geographic Region and Division  
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 [1998 estimated population]

Geographic region/division	Crime Index total	Modified Crime Index total <sup>2</sup>	Violent crime <sup>3</sup>	Property crime <sup>4</sup>	Murder and non-negligent manslaughter	Forcible rape	Robbery	Aggravated assault	Burglary	Larceny-theft	Motor vehicle theft	Arson <sup>2</sup>
<b>WEST SOUTH CENTRAL</b>												
1,580 agencies; population 29,629,000												
Offenses known	1,528,187	1,539,870	173,128	1,355,059	2,279	11,752	42,421	116,676	302,960	912,207	139,892	11,683
Percent cleared by arrest	22.0	22.0	51.2	18.3	72.8	55.1	30.0	58.1	13.5	20.1	17.1	19.8
<b>SOUTH</b>												
4,308 agencies; population 72,868,000												
Offenses known	3,613,048	3,636,053	423,920	3,189,128	5,578	25,730	114,587	278,025	720,464	2,152,662	316,002	23,005
Percent cleared by arrest	22.1	22.1	50.3	18.4	70.9	54.4	29.5	58.1	14.3	19.8	18.0	20.2
<b>MOUNTAIN</b>												
724 agencies; population 14,939,000												
Offenses known	800,606	805,067	72,563	728,043	939	5,745	18,234	47,645	146,032	496,380	85,631	4,461
Percent cleared by arrest	18.8	18.8	42.0	16.4	56.2	36.4	24.1	49.3	11.1	18.5	13.7	17.1
<b>PACIFIC</b>												
1,119 agencies; population 42,063,000												
Offenses known	1,964,467	1,982,623	271,261	1,693,206	2,546	14,114	79,727	174,874	364,233	1,079,296	249,677	18,156
Percent cleared by arrest	20.6	20.6	50.9	15.8	63.6	47.8	27.8	61.5	12.9	17.9	10.8	11.7
<b>WEST</b>												
1,843 agencies; population 57,002,000												
Offenses known	2,765,073	2,787,690	343,824	2,421,249	3,485	19,859	97,961	222,519	510,265	1,575,676	335,308	22,617
Percent cleared by arrest	20.1	20.0	49.0	16.0	61.6	44.5	27.1	58.9	12.4	18.1	11.5	12.7

<sup>1</sup> Includes offenses cleared by exceptional means.

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Complete data for 1998 were not available for the states of Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Montana, New Hampshire, and Wisconsin; therefore, it was necessary that their crime counts be estimated. See Offense Estimation, Appendix I, for details.

Population figures are rounded to the nearest thousand.

Table 27

**Offenses Known Breakdown and Percent Cleared by Arrest <sup>1</sup>**

by Population Group, 1998

[1998 estimated population]

Population Group	Forcible rape		Robbery				Aggravated assault				Burglary			Motor vehicle theft			Arson		
	Rape by force	Assault to rape - attempts	Firearm	Knife or cutting instrument	Other weapon	Strong-armed	Firearm	Knife or cutting instrument	Other weapon	Hands, fists, feet, etc.	Forcible entry	Unlawful entry	Attempted forcible entry	Autos	Trucks and buses	Other vehicles	Structure	Mobile	Other
<b>TOTAL ALL AGENCIES:</b>																			
<b>11,190 agencies;</b>																			
<b>population 211,516,000</b>																			
<b>Offenses known</b>	62,397	7,970	134,561	31,398	48,429	138,760	138,975	135,136	257,506	210,306	1,162,814	495,535	121,950	748,946	179,362	55,821	30,522	19,466	15,198
<b>Percent cleared by arrest</b>	50.5	49.2	23.3	31.2	26.5	33.2	45.6	63.7	57.4	65.8	13.3	15.3	11.5	14.5	12.7	14.6	23.2	7.6	18.8
<b>TOTAL CITIES: 7,983 cities;</b>																			
<b>population 144,352,000</b>																			
<b>Offenses known</b>	48,077	6,229	119,243	28,621	44,315	126,390	112,057	113,271	207,589	159,412	872,061	370,816	95,824	639,526	147,162	37,440	24,320	14,951	10,956
<b>Percent cleared by arrest</b>	50.3	50.2	22.9	31.0	26.1	32.5	43.6	63.2	56.8	65.1	12.6	15.0	11.3	13.6	11.8	13.9	22.7	7.1	19.0
<b>GROUP I</b>																			
56 cities, 250,000 and over;																			
population 42,101,000																			
Offenses known	18,097	2,700	71,711	16,868	30,744	69,179	61,984	56,911	102,549	50,410	338,110	121,816	27,835	320,641	85,905	13,362	10,686	8,318	3,551
Percent cleared by arrest	54.6	53.6	21.1	30.2	23.8	31.4	40.0	62.7	55.2	64.9	11.3	13.1	11.4	10.5	9.4	11.0	20.4	4.8	12.9
8 cities, 1,000,000 and over;																			
population 18,847,000																			
Offenses known	5,990	1,032	28,522	8,935	21,230	29,196	23,418	26,339	44,492	24,974	105,932	55,095	6,548	126,531	32,645	4,906	3,789	4,309	1,265
Percent cleared by arrest	52.6	52.4	23.2	34.0	23.6	37.5	37.5	64.1	58.5	74.7	11.8	12.5	18.1	9.1	8.0	7.5	19.4	3.5	10.1
18 cities, 500,000 to 999,999;																			
population 12,092,000																			
Offenses known	6,355	917	23,512	4,403	4,965	20,411	19,501	15,963	30,239	11,262	118,133	31,301	12,158	100,222	27,225	4,636	2,699	1,629	799
Percent cleared by arrest	57.3	55.9	18.1	25.6	23.6	24.8	41.7	59.7	50.2	49.8	11.2	15.0	10.0	12.0	11.5	8.1	20.2	5.0	14.1
30 cities, 250,000 to 499,999;																			
population 11,161,000																			
Offenses known	5,752	751	19,677	3,530	4,549	19,572	19,065	14,609	27,818	14,174	114,045	35,420	9,129	93,888	26,035	3,820	4,198	2,380	1,487
Percent cleared by arrest	53.6	52.5	21.7	26.3	25.1	29.1	41.3	63.6	55.3	59.7	11.0	12.3	8.5	10.9	9.0	19.0	21.3	7.1	14.7
<b>GROUP II</b>																			
136 cities, 100,000 to 249,999;																			
population 19,649,000																			
Offenses known	7,643	899	18,572	4,174	4,481	19,467	16,760	15,807	31,715	20,265	147,096	55,071	17,008	101,078	22,415	5,038	4,125	2,502	1,451
Percent cleared by arrest	49.7	47.1	24.8	30.2	30.6	31.6	45.1	64.5	60.3	67.9	12.2	15.5	12.3	13.7	11.9	10.9	21.6	7.5	19.4
<b>Group III</b>																			
314 cities, 50,000 to 99,999;																			
population 21,271,000																			
Offenses known	7,133	807	12,718	3,097	3,655	15,596	12,421	13,297	26,003	21,066	119,721	53,463	15,112	81,773	15,473	5,055	3,035	1,666	1,464
Percent cleared by arrest	44.5	44.5	24.0	31.4	28.0	32.3	43.2	62.5	54.9	61.7	11.9	14.8	9.5	13.4	11.6	11.7	20.8	7.5	21.9

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 27

**Offenses Known Breakdown and Percent Cleared by Arrest<sup>1</sup> — Continued**  
 by Population Group, 1998  
 [1998 estimated population]

Population Group	Forcible rape		Robbery				Aggravated assault				Burglary			Motor vehicle theft			Arson		
	Rape by force	Assault to rape - attempts	Firearm	Knife or cutting instrument	Other weapon	Strong-armed	Firearm	Knife or cutting instrument	Other weapon	Hands, fists, feet, etc.	Forcible entry	Unlawful entry	Attempted forcible entry	Autos	Trucks and buses	Other vehicles	Structure	Mobile	Other
GROUP IV																			
596 cities, 25,000 to 49,999; population 20,640,000																			
Offenses known	5,654	659	7,402	2,142	2,353	9,975	7,789	9,901	18,193	20,888	98,370	48,626	13,278	58,987	9,616	4,953	2,290	1,013	1,615
Percent cleared by arrest	45.0	44.2	24.9	31.3	33.9	33.8	48.8	61.8	57.0	62.3	12.8	15.4	10.0	15.3	15.6	13.6	24.7	8.7	20.8
GROUP V																			
1,413 cities, 10,000 to 24,999; population 22,289,000																			
Offenses known	5,403	575	5,548	1,488	2,014	7,506	7,172	9,363	16,094	21,268	92,878	48,011	12,248	46,222	7,838	4,750	2,094	878	1,313
Percent cleared by arrest	49.3	51.8	30.0	34.7	33.6	38.8	54.5	63.7	59.0	65.7	15.5	16.8	11.7	23.2	22.2	19.9	29.9	17.8	27.6
GROUP VI																			
5,468 cities, under 10,000; population 18,402,000																			
Offenses known	4,190	595	3,292	852	1,068	4,667	5,931	7,992	13,035	25,515	75,886	43,829	10,343	30,825	5,915	4,282	2,090	574	1,562
Percent cleared by arrest	51.2	52.8	31.7	40.8	34.2	41.4	59.0	66.5	61.4	68.1	16.7	17.5	13.1	29.0	26.0	22.7	30.6	18.3	20.8
SUBURBAN COUNTIES																			
1,077 agencies; population 43,986,000																			
Offenses known	9,777	1,209	13,730	2,372	3,596	10,895	18,721	15,616	37,726	33,356	194,414	85,016	19,211	90,787	26,387	11,801	4,294	3,737	3,142
Percent cleared by arrest	51.4	43.7	24.9	32.6	29.1	39.6	49.8	66.6	59.4	69.7	14.2	15.5	11.6	16.6	14.1	14.4	24.2	7.6	16.8
RURAL COUNTIES																			
2,130 agencies; population 23,178,000																			
Offenses known	4,543	532	1,588	405	518	1,475	8,197	6,249	12,191	17,538	96,339	39,703	6,915	18,633	5,813	6,580	1,908	778	1,100
Percent cleared by arrest	51.5	49.8	38.5	39.5	40.2	40.8	62.9	65.9	61.3	64.8	17.0	17.3	13.8	33.9	27.8	19.4	26.8	17.7	23.0
SUBURBAN AREA <sup>2</sup>																			
5,479 agencies; population 85,425,000																			
Offenses known	18,108	2,175	24,349	5,150	7,032	24,850	29,296	28,999	64,020	73,065	342,973	167,775	41,293	187,177	41,880	20,591	8,069	5,315	6,031
Percent cleared by arrest	50.0	46.8	25.5	33.2	30.5	38.1	50.6	66.1	59.3	68.2	14.2	16.1	11.2	17.4	15.4	15.4	25.5	9.3	18.7

<sup>1</sup> Includes offenses cleared by exceptional means.

<sup>2</sup> Includes suburban city and county law enforcement agencies within metropolitan areas. Excludes central cities. Suburban cities and counties are also included in other groups.

Forcible rape figures furnished by the state-level Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program administered by the Delaware State Bureau of Investigation and the Illinois State Police were not in accordance with national UCR guidelines; therefore, the figures were excluded from the forcible rape category.

Complete data for 1998 were not available for the states of Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Montana, New Hampshire, and Wisconsin; therefore, it was necessary that their crime counts be estimated. See Offense Estimation, Appendix I, for details.

Population figures are rounded to the nearest thousand.

Table 28

**Offenses Cleared by Arrest<sup>1</sup>**  
of Persons Under 18 Years of Age, 1998  
[1998 estimated population]

Population Group	Crime Index total	Modified Crime Index total <sup>2</sup>	Violent crime <sup>3</sup>	Property crime <sup>4</sup>	Murder and non-negligent manslaughter	Forcible rape	Robbery	Aggravated assault	Burglary	Larceny-theft	Motor vehicle theft	Arson <sup>5</sup>
<b>TOTAL ALL AGENCIES:</b>												
<b>11,018 agencies;</b>												
<b>population 201,074,000:</b>												
Total clearances	1,936,923	1,948,232	528,958	1,407,965	8,357	34,027	85,250	401,324	231,975	1,041,587	134,403	11,309
Percent under 18	18.9	19.0	12.1	21.4	6.3	11.4	15.5	11.5	19.5	22.2	18.3	45.4
<b>TOTAL CITIES: 7,936 cities;</b>												
<b>population 135,301,000:</b>												
Total clearances	1,547,057	1,555,652	415,893	1,131,164	6,288	25,794	74,209	309,602	166,216	859,573	105,375	8,595
Percent under 18	19.3	19.4	12.3	21.9	6.4	11.1	15.6	11.8	18.9	22.9	18.3	47.4
GROUP I												
54 cities, 250,000 and over; population 34,220,000:												
Total clearances	469,275	472,315	168,268	301,007	3,054	10,035	35,407	119,772	49,223	211,676	40,108	3,040
Percent under 18	15.0	15.2	10.2	17.7	6.3	9.1	14.2	9.2	14.7	18.1	18.7	42.1
7 cities, 1,000,000 and over; population 11,490,000:												
Total clearances	142,922	143,937	58,106	84,816	1,008	2,482	12,184	42,432	13,406	59,984	11,426	1,015
Percent under 18	15.4	15.6	9.8	19.2	8.0	8.2	16.0	8.2	16.9	19.6	19.6	45.6
17 cities, 500,000 to 999,999; population 11,569,000:												
Total clearances	158,557	159,298	52,638	105,919	1,042	4,076	11,177	36,343	18,099	72,497	15,323	741
Percent under 18	12.3	12.4	9.7	13.6	4.2	10.8	12.1	9.0	10.6	14.0	15.5	34.7
30 cities, 250,000 to 499,999; population 11,161,000:												
Total clearances	167,796	169,080	57,524	110,272	1,004	3,477	12,046	40,997	17,718	79,195	13,359	1,284
Percent under 18	17.2	17.4	11.1	20.3	6.7	7.6	14.3	10.5	17.2	20.8	21.5	43.6
GROUP II												
133 cities, 100,000 to 249,999; population 19,137,000:												
Total clearances	243,718	245,027	67,556	176,162	1,086	4,057	12,880	49,533	27,469	132,120	16,573	1,309
Percent under 18	19.1	19.3	12.5	21.7	7.4	9.2	15.6	12.0	17.7	22.8	19.4	45.5
GROUP III												
311 cities, 50,000 to 99,999; population 21,048,000:												
Total clearances	225,457	226,521	54,434	171,023	710	3,505	9,951	40,268	23,250	134,652	13,121	1,064
Percent under 18	21.9	22.0	13.5	24.6	7.0	11.6	17.8	12.7	20.1	25.9	18.6	46.8

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 28

**Offenses Cleared by Arrest<sup>1</sup> — Continued**  
of Persons Under 18 Years of Age, 1998  
[1998 estimated population]

Population Group	Crime Index total	Modified Crime Index total <sup>2</sup>	Violent crime <sup>3</sup>	Property crime <sup>4</sup>	Murder and non-negligent manslaughter	Forcible rape	Robbery	Aggravated assault	Burglary	Larceny-theft	Motor vehicle theft	Arson <sup>2</sup>
<b>GROUP IV</b>												
593 cities, 25,000 to 49,999; population 20,530,000:												
Total clearances	199,700	200,691	42,977	156,723	499	2,814	6,626	33,038	21,099	124,592	11,032	991
Percent under 18	21.6	21.8	14.0	23.7	7.2	13.0	18.0	13.4	19.9	25.0	16.9	53.2
<b>GROUP V</b>												
1,400 cities, 10,000 to 24,999; population 22,069,000:												
Total clearances	223,831	224,963	42,214	181,617	538	2,907	5,684	33,085	23,611	144,841	13,165	1,132
Percent under 18	21.3	21.4	14.1	22.9	5.0	13.9	15.8	14.0	21.0	23.8	16.2	53.5
<b>GROUP VI</b>												
5,445 cities, under 10,000; population 18,297,000:												
Total clearances	185,076	186,135	40,444	144,632	401	2,476	3,661	33,906	21,564	111,692	11,376	1,059
Percent under 18	22.4	22.6	15.7	24.3	5.0	15.7	19.3	15.5	25.6	24.5	19.1	53.6
<b>SUBURBAN COUNTIES</b>												
1,023 agencies; population 43,016,000:												
Total clearances	278,580	280,398	80,415	198,165	1,286	5,627	9,475	64,027	41,931	136,233	20,001	1,818
Percent under 18	17.8	18.0	11.8	20.2	6.5	12.1	15.5	11.3	21.6	20.1	18.2	43.6
<b>RURAL COUNTIES</b>												
2,059 agencies; population 22,757,000:												
Total clearances	111,286	112,182	32,650	78,636	783	2,606	1,566	27,695	23,828	45,781	9,027	896
Percent under 18	15.5	15.6	9.4	18.0	5.4	13.5	11.0	9.1	19.7	17.1	18.1	30.2
<b>SUBURBAN AREA<sup>5</sup></b>												
5,404 agencies; population 84,217,000:												
Total clearances	630,495	634,126	151,745	478,750	2,051	10,165	19,380	120,149	79,064	358,091	41,595	3,631
Percent under 18	19.5	19.7	13.6	21.4	6.2	13.0	17.3	13.2	21.8	21.8	16.9	49.6

<sup>1</sup> Includes offenses cleared by exceptional means.

<sup>2</sup> It is not necessary to report clearances by detailed property classification to be included in this table. The Modified Crime Index total is the sum of the Crime Index offenses, including arson.

<sup>3</sup> Violent crimes are offenses of murder, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault.

<sup>4</sup> Property crimes are offenses of burglary, larceny-theft, and motor vehicle theft. Data are not included for the property crime of arson.

<sup>5</sup> Includes suburban city and county law enforcement agencies within metropolitan areas. Excludes central cities. Suburban cities and counties are also included in other groups.

Forcible rape figures furnished by the state-level Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program administered by the Delaware State Bureau of Investigation and the Illinois State Police were not in accordance with national UCR guidelines; therefore, the figures were excluded from the forcible rape, violent crime, Crime Index total, and Modified Crime Index total categories.

Complete data for 1998 were not available for the states of Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Montana, New Hampshire, and Wisconsin; therefore, it was necessary that their crime counts be estimated. See Offense Estimation, Appendix I, for details.